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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C.

May 23, 2011

In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).

Dear FCC Commissioners,

On behalf of Arkansas CWA members, I am writing today to echo the support of AT&T's joining together with T-Mobile by Larry Cohen, our national President.

We agree that this merger will be good for the country because it will help usher in a new generation of wireless communications, and will lead to AT&T extending service throughout the country. A better and broader technology infrastructure will encourage entrepreneurs to innovate and businesses to expand, building our economy and creating jobs.

It will also be good for people in rural areas, where it isn't easy to provide broadband access to remote houses and offices. AT&T projects that with the combined assets and spectrum of the two companies, it will reach fifty five million more people with its wireless service than it could without the merger. And this service will be next generation 4G LTE – much faster than today's wireless service.

Finally, the merger will be good for T-Mobile's workers, who have been stymied in their attempts to organize. AT&T has a commitment to union neutrality and will let workers decide for themselves if they want to enter into collective bargaining. We believe that the workers are likely to respond positively and as a result they will have a stronger voice in the company.

As Larry Cohen said in his Senate testimony, "It is CWA's hope and expectation that, following a thorough regulatory review, the Department of Justice and the Federal Communications Commission will approve AT&T's merger with T-Mobile." We heartily agree.

Thank you,

Mike Koller

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